IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Applicant: George Coulter Kennedy Group Art Unit 3656 Serial No.: 10/595, 309 Confirmation No. 7162 (PCT/GB2004/004260) Filed: 12/11/2006 Examiner Thomas C. Diaz (§371 date) (PCT October 8, 2004)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 23, 2010

Dear Sir:

For:

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2010, applicant respectfully requests amendment of the application as follows.

Please find enclosed the following sections:

Amendments to the Specification, beginning on page 1.

Amendments to the Claims, beginning on page 2.

Piston Rod Assembly

Amendments to the Drawings, beginning on page 7.

Remarks, beginning on page 8.